

# RED LETTER PRESS

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Re: MUR 5400

Dear Commissioners,

Below is my response to the complaint filed against Red Letter Press which has been designated MUR (Matter Under Review) 5400.

I am the Managing Editor of Red Letter Press and the author of a booklet titled *Lyndon LaRouche: Fascism Restyled for the New Millennium*, which was published by Red Letter Press. This is an essay on the history and evolution of what many, including myself, believe to be the dangerous, far-right ideology of LaRouche and his adherents. Others have written more extensively on this topic. See Dennis King, *Lyndon LaRouche and the New American Fascism*, and Chip Berlet's writings available at <[www.publiceye.larouche/nclcmmain.html](http://www.publiceye.larouche/nclcmmain.html)>.

I was surprised to receive the complaint from LaRouche campaign supporter Barbara Boyd, which charges that Red Letter Press has made improper campaign contributions to an alleged political action committee, the LaRouche Watch Yahoo group and a website with the same name. Boyd's charges are completely baseless.

Until I received the complaint, I did not know that the LaRouche Watch website listed my booklet among other resources. The link to ordering information was added without my knowledge by someone else on his or her own initiative. Neither Red Letter Press nor I have paid anyone for this link.

In fact, we have not made any financial or other contribution to LaRouche Watch or played any role in determining the content of the website. Nor have we expended any funds, labor or anything of value towards the development and maintenance of the LaRouche watch list serve or the website. No proceeds from the sale of any copies of my booklet go to LaRouche Watch, and no copies of the booklet have been provided to LaRouche Watch for resale.


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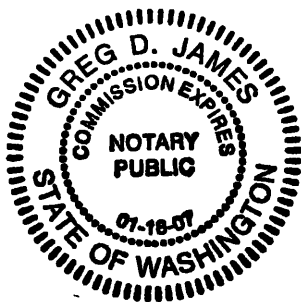
Lyndon LaRouche and the followers of his ideology have a long history of harassment lawsuits and intimidation tactics against their critics. I believe this complaint to be part of this pattern of intimidation.

Therefore, I urge the Commission to dismiss this complaint.

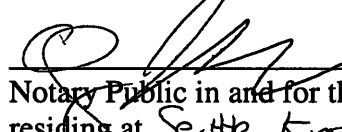
I declare under penalty of perjury of the State of Washington the above statements are true and correct.

Dated on this 22 day of January, 2002

  
Helen Gilbert  
Seattle, Washington



Sworn to before me this 22<sup>nd</sup>  
day of January 2004.

  
Notary Public in and for the State of Washington  
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